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RECEPTOR PROTEIN MODULATORS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143

Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 11, 2008, in the above-identified application, having a ONE (1) month period for response which expires July 11, 2008. This response is timely filed and no further extension of time is needed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following provisional election.

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